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1 Union St
Schenectady N. Y.
September 26-28

Mr Howland Wood, -
"American Numismatic Society"
New York City.

Dear Sir, -

Received your letter of
September 25, for which I thank you.

As I had a photograph of the
coins, I am sending it along -
it is their actual size and weight
eleven ounces combined.

Any information that you
would be able to give me will
certainly be greatly appreciated.

Enclosed find envelope for
return of the same.

Thanking you in advance
I am

Very truly yours

William Janson

29th September, 1928

Miss Ottilia Janson,
Schenectady, N. Y.

Dear Madam:

Your letter with photograph of Chinese coins at hand. Unfortunately, none of your pieces are genuine and in consequence they have no value. You may question why I make this bald statement, but we have seen so many of these faked pieces that we can tell them at a glance.

The knife piece can be easily told by the lettering. The middle piece is a pure fabrication, there being no ancient coin made like this. The largest piece is also a pure fabrication as genuine pieces are from a quarter to a half the size of this. The round coin is the wrong size for any coin and also it has on it characters that were never put on coins. The way the characters are drawn and the style and the coarse execution of them also show clearly that they are modern work. The bulk of these pieces so far as we can find out were made in Canton in great quantities and sold to travelers and people ignorant of the genuine pieces.

Very truly yours,